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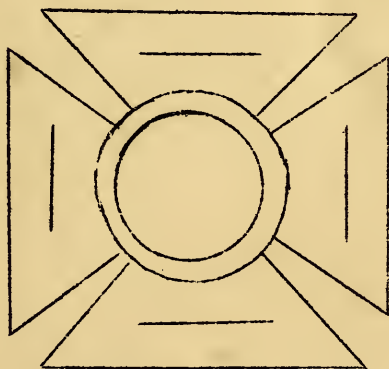
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HICKORY GROVE  
(A Rural Church)  
Episcopal  
Western North Carolina  
Chapel

Dedicated





THE METHODIST CHURCH  
Church of the Methodist  
Central Church, South,  
South Carolina Conference,  
(Charlotte District)  
Built 1927  
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### Foreword

The information contained in this article was collected by Miss Martha Anne Elizabeth Baker (with the assistance of Mrs. J. L. Carter), Mrs. Laura C. Hagler, and Miss Lila Mae Dulin. The material was hurriedly assembled by the pastor, Reverend Alpheus Alexander Kyles, for distribution at the dedicatory service March 17, 1935, at three o'clock.

Those who prepared this article make no claim of completeness or perfection either in content or composition, but present it, with its many imperfections, to the members and friends of Hickory Grove Church, with the hope that they may be inspired to accomplish even greater things than have been accomplished in the past.

With sincere appreciation to every one who aided in the collecting and assembling of the material contained herein, and with a sincere prayer that the church may continue to grow and glow and go, this article is dedicated to the past, present and future members and friends of Hickory Grove Church.

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Miss Lila Mae Dulin.

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Early History

Hickory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has survived almost one century, has withstood many changes and has made much progress. Early in the year 1844 the Reverend John Abernathy laid a small but solid foundation for the Church of John Wesley at a point about one mile south of the present location of Hickory Grove Methodist Church. At that time Sugaw Creek Presbyterian, Rocky River Presbyterian, Back Creek A.R.P., and Sardis A.R.P. were the only churches in this territory. Anyone could attend these churches, but there was no burying ground for outsiders; so, a group of Wesley followers decided to buy a plot of ground for burial and to put up a small meeting house. The land, containing one and one quarter ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ ) acres and twenty-seven poles (27), was given by John G. Maxwell, through the influence of his wife Peggy, in consideration "Of the good will and affection of the religious society, for the advancement and prosperity of the cause of religion." It was deeded on Nov. 21, 1844 to Jas. H. Martin, Robert A. Martin, Cyrus Query, Jas. Clark, and Jas. H. Morrison as trustees. Thus Methodism in Crab Orchard Township had its beginning and the church was called Prospect. A few persons referred to it as Scarboro Church.

Description of First Church

The first church was built in 1848 and dedicated to service the same year. The original building was of logs daubed with mud, was



about 16 x 24 feet, and faced the present road #88, the course of which has not been changed. The door was in the center front and the pulpit was in the opposite side. There were four benches on either side of the aisle leading to the pulpit and three benches in each Amen Corner. These benches were made of slabs with pegged legs and spaced far enough apart for one to kneel in prayer. The Rostrum was raised one step from the floor and the pulpit consisted of two posts with a board nailed across the top for the Bible. There was a lean-to or shed on the entire left side of the building, for the negroes, which was separated from the main body of the church by a rail. There was a window back of the pulpit and one on the right between the Amen Corner and the front seats.

### Charter Members

Incomplete records reveal the following names of some of the charter members: John Newell and wife Hailey Taylor, Joseph Taylor and wife Polly, Allison Teeter and wife Dorcas, George Jordan and wife Evaline, Addison Taylor and wife Lovie, John Tally and wife Susan, Rob. Roberts and wife Betsy, William Carter and wife Mary (also his second wife Jane), John Taylor and wife Mary Anne, David Nowell and wife Becky, and William Taylor and wife Esther. Some of the Recruits (Pres., Bapt., etc.) were Mrs. Priscilla Keenan, Miss Nancy Keenan, Mrs. D. W. Hucks, Mrs. Sarah Maxwell, Miss Betsy Taylor, Miss Cenie Taylor, Miss Susan Ford and Mrs. Eliza Furr.

### Sunday School & Class Meetings

The Sunday School was of two divisions; the Bible classes and the Blue Back Speller. Mrs. Sarah Maxwell taught the Ladies' Bible Class. William Carter taught the Men's Bible





Class. Anyone who would taught the speller. William Carter and Allison Teeter were class leaders and held prayer meeting every Sunday which lasted all day and into the night if the weather permitted. On his return from the War Between the States, in the year 1865, William J. Taylor taught a Sunday School class. Since that time, the church has had a regular Sabbath School.

### Appointments and Pastors

The preacher in charge met with the congregation about once in eight weeks, very seldom on Sunday. Four preachers served at Prospect--the Reverends Messers Tally, Harrison, May and Farrar. Rev. Mr. Harrison was a builder of churches and has one named in his honor below Pineville. The Reverend Mr. May married a local widow, Mrs. Jane Harrison Maxwell, (a daughter of Rev. Mr. Harrison), and Rev. Mr. Farrar (grandfather of Marion Farrar) married Miss Mary Harrison, a sister of Mrs. May.

### Protracted Meetings and Brush Arbors

Protracted meetings were held under a brush arbor on the grounds and split logs strewed on the ground served for benches. At this time, 1848-1858, the preacher lived in Charlotte. During the meeting he stayed among the members or with relatives. The first arbor was constructed of posts set up in the ground with poles across the top which were covered with leafy limbs. These arbors were built anew each year for the meeting. The worshipers gathered for sunrise prayer service at the call of a bugle; using seats made of logs split in half, the flat side up and each of the under sides smoothed off and supported by logs placed on the ground. The pulpit was erected of four posts at one end of



the arbor on the rostrum which was elevated in order that the preacher and a few song leaders might be seen by everyone present.

### Securing of Land For Second Church

The old original church, Prospect, occupied a very desirable location in the woods about one mile south of the present church site; however, due to the inconvenience of obtaining drinking water the members decided to buy the present location with access to a spring. On Aug. 18, 1858 three acres of land belonging to John M. Johnston were bought for sixty dollars and the deed was made to William Carter, John Newell, Martin Alexander, Wm. G. Hodges, and William Maxwell as trustees of "The New Methodist Church called Prospect" and witnessed by the public school teacher J. F. Stancill. When the church was built, more land was needed for burying and hitching ground. On May 30, 1860 four more acres of land were bought from Mr. Johnston for forty dollars, with access to the spring at all times, and this tract was deeded to John Newell, Joseph Taylor, and William Taylor as trustees. On February 28, 1871 nine and one-half more acres were bought from this same Mr. Johnston and wife M. Catherine for \$27.50 and deeded to W. F. Cuthbertson, and others as trustees, witnessed by E. A. Osborne.

### Church Rebuilt 1858 - Name Changed

In the year 1858 a new church was built (the second church) near a good spring located in a large hickory grove about one mile north of the original site. The fact that the church was surrounded by a large hickory grove was the factor advanced by T. Martin





Alexander for changing the name to Hickory Grove. Mr. Alexander was a member of the Board of Stewards at that time and was associated with Randolph Baker, Calvin Foard, John Newell, William Smith, John, William J. and Harvey S. Taylor in the building of the first church on the present site. Eventually the old Prospect Church was sold to Randolph Baker and was used for a barn on the old Maxwell place. The land surrounding the old church was bought by Jno. G. Jordan with the exception of the graveyard.

### First Church on Present Site

The first church building erected on the present site was a frame building about twenty-four by thirty-six feet, having one door facing the road and one on each side of the church, with the pulpit built on a small platform at the north end. Night services were held by candlelight for several years, the candle later being replaced by kerosene lamps.

### Camp Meetings and Arbors

The church membership grew rapidly from this time. The members decided to erect an arbor for outdoor worship and to have what was termed "Camp Meeting." This was a period of a week or ten days set aside for special worship and evangelistic services, during which time members and their families who lived some distance from the church camped in tents near the church and joined in worship with those who lived near. The day began with a sunrise prayer service before breakfast, followed by four services during the day, closing at night about bedtime (10 o'clock?). Children were usually denied the privilege of attending evening service, being put to bed, soon after supper,



before the last service began.

The camp meetings continued yearly. They were first held the latter part of September, afterwards being changed to the fourth Sunday in August when J. M. Davis was pastor, due to the fact that the members were farmers and August was a more leisure period. Many of the families living at a distance eventually put up a more permanent type of "camp" by erecting a long, low cabin of logs, using the ground for a floor, which was covered with good, clean straw or sawdust, and having built-in bunks and other types of fixtures which were needed. Separate rooms were sometimes set apart, or divided, by hanging quilts or sheets from the overhead joists.

Camp Meeting was a great time in the life of our forefathers at Hickory Grove. Saturday preceding the fourth Sunday in August was moving day for the families who lived at a distance. Folks loaded much of their furniture on wagons, rounded up plenty of old and young chickens, and with a couple of big, fine hams, plenty of vegetables and canned goods, cakes and pies already baked for Sunday, and a cord of wood, they were ready and anxious to praise the Lord for his many blessings since they had last tended together.

During the year 1885 a more permanent type of arbor was built for the Camp Meeting services, which was much larger than previous ones. This arbor was built of heavy oak timbers, set up on stones for pillars, supporting a high shingle roof, and with mortised braces which fastened with wooden pegs at all corners. A large rostrum was erected at the north end of the arbor to accommodate the



pulpit and a choir of fifty persons. Four large aisles ran the full length of the building. A broad aisle with a spacious entrance at each side extended across the entire front of the pulpit. Large, broad boards sawed from gum lumber and with a back rest were used for seats. The arbor was usually crowded during the week and especially on Sundays. People came from great distances. Sometimes as many as eight or ten preachers would be present to help conduct services.

This arbor was erected under the direction of William J. Taylor and was designed by Cicero McLellan. Houston Taylor, assisted by Harvey Taylor, cut and sawed the majority of the material used in the construction of the building. The work of constructing the arbor was done by Lee Dulin, James Noles, Pink Berryhill, and others. One of the tents which was occupied by some of the preachers, and was called "The Preachers' Tent", still stands on the grounds and is now used for a barn.

#### Rebuilding Church 1898 - 1900

The church which was built during the year 1858, with some changes and improvements, was used until 1898. During the years 1898, 1899, and 1900 a new church was under construction with Mr. Robt. Sehorn acting as secretary-treasurer. The new church (third building) was about forty by sixty feet, having a vestibule entrance facing the highway (south), with the pulpit in the north end. One small room was built in each end of the vestibule entrance and used for Sunday School rooms. Some years later a belfry was added to the southwest corner of the building. This church was the last frame building and was occupied until February 27, 1927.





## BUILDING OF PRESENT CHURCH

In 1926 the congregation realized the great need of a new and larger church. Under the influence of the pastor, Reverend J. P. Morris, the congregation decided to construct a new building. There was much discussion as to the type of building and the kind of material to be used. Some of the most forward-looking men pictured for their community a giant stone building which would stand through the centuries. These men were dreamers, but not dreamers only. With faith and courage they set out to make their dreams come true by digging and hauling rock from a nearby quarry.

### Getting Materials

Actual work began January 26, 1926, when Hugh Jordan, Zeb Teeter, Dewitt Barley, Raymond Hagler, Murry and Allen Russell, and Grier Barley began cutting timbers to be used in the ground work. The first tree was felled by Raymond Hagler and Murry Russell, while J.D. Pence and Graham C. Taylor got out the first stone. The first lumber was placed on the ground by Joe Jordan and Raymond Hagler on February 12, 1926. On August 10, 1926, E. N. King hauled the first load of rock to the church site. On February 15, 1926, fourteen men with teams and wagons hauled 133 loads of rock and some saw-logs. After hauling rocks for several weeks, the men, being unfamiliar with stone work, thought there was enough material to build the church. After looking over the plans for the building and the rocks on the ground, the contractor said there was hardly half enough.

THE HISTORY OF THE  
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## J. D. Pence Refuses to Quit

Many of the members were ready to give up the idea of building a stone church. One man, however, stood as steadfast as the stones which he had been struggling to secure. That man was J. D. Pence, who was the oldest male member of the church. He continued working day after day, often alone battling with the rugged rocks, until he had removed 90 loads of rock from another quarry near his home. Faith of men like J. D. Pence kept alive the spark of hope in the hearts of the faithful few who were trying to carry on. But there were still scores of church members who held themselves aloof and said, "It can't be done." There were a few optimistic souls who were willing to undertake the seemingly impossible task. On February 10, 1927, sand and other materials were delivered on the grounds. The contractor began working on the foundation by laying the first rock on May 4, 1927. On August 3, 1927, the stone work stood complete and ready for the roof and other work.

## Laying of Corner Stone

July 24, 1927, was a history-making day for the church of Hickory Grove. At 11:00 o'clock the pastor, Reverend J. P. Morris, delivered a message on the appropriate text, Nehemiah 4:6, "So built we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work." At 2:30 P.M. the Presiding Elder, Dr. D. M. Litaker, presided at the third quarterly conference. At 3:00 P.M. Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon delivered an address for the laying of the corner stone for the new church. The following articles were placed in the corner stone: The Holy Bible, the Discipline of 1926, a copy of the last edition of the North Carolina Christian Advocate, a list of all the





present official members of the church, a list of the building committee, the name of the Bishop, Elder, and Pastor, together with a short sketch of the historical facts of Methodism of the community. The Bible was donated by a nine year old boy, Nelson Cline, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Cline, and it was placed in the corner stone by the pastor of the church, Reverend J. P. Morris. The Presiding Elder, Dr. D. M. Litaker and the following former pastors and their wives were present on this occasion: Reverend C. Excell Rozelle and wife, Ebenezer Myers and wife, W. S. Cherry and wife, and W. L. Nicholson and F. Fincher.

#### First Service Held in Basement

On Sunday, June 24, 1928, the first service was held in the Sunday School auditorium in the basement of the church. The Sunday School Assembly room in the basement was filled to overflowing, and 225 enrolled members and visitors attended the Sunday School classes. The congregation opened the service by singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," accompanied by Miss Elva May Christenbury at the piano. J. D. Pence had charge of Sunday School. D. H. Wilson lead the first prayer. The pastor, Reverend J. P. Morris, took his text from Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." Church services were held in the Sunday School auditorium for several months, the main auditorium not having been completed. Next in order was the completing and furnishing of the twelve Sunday School rooms. One of the most important rooms was the nursery where infants and small children are kept during church hours. Mrs. J. L. Carter has been superintendent of the nursery since it was organized.



## Completion of Main Auditorium

Work was begun on the main auditorium of the church April 7, 1930, under the leadership of Reverend Elzie Myers, who succeeded in getting the indebtedness up to that time paid, completing the work in the basement, and in fitting up two class rooms on the main floor. The work was under the direction of Mr. L. L. Litaker, who succeeded Mr. J. N. Cline, the first foreman. Mr. Cline died suddenly September 22, 1929, while dressing for church. The main auditorium was completed May 23, 1930. The seats and other fixtures were placed ready for service July 18, 1930, on which date Rev. Elzie Myers presided at a short service. Misses Eunice Carter and Reecie Foard sang, "Oh, How I Love Jesus," followed by a prayer which was led by Mr. J. D. Pence. The pastor, Rev. Elzie Myers, delivered the first regular sermon in the main auditorium on July 27, 1930, using as a text, Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." He was assisted in this service by Rev. G. N. Dulin, of Canton, N. C., who was a member of Hickory Grove Church until he became a member of the Western North Carolina Conference in 1927. Elzie Myers did a great work on the church.

## Memorial Service

Sunday, August 28, 1930, at 3:00 P.M. a memorial service was conducted by Dr. Walter W. Peele, pastor of First Methodist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina. The names of the members who had died since work on the new church was begun were read. The auditorium and two class rooms were full. Many stood in the front door and vestibule. Dr. Peele was assisted by the following ministers:



Reverend J. G. Huggin, Matthews Methodist Church, Reverend J. O. Ervin, Spencer Memorial, Charlotte, North Carolina, Rev. W. L. Sherrill, Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, and Reverend G. N. Dulin, Canton, North Carolina. The Abernathy quartette of Rocky River Presbyterian Church sang. Dr. Peele delivered a very appropriate and helpful sermon on the text, "What is man that thou art mindful of him." At 8:00 P.M. Reverend R. S. Truesdale, pastor of Hawthorne Lane Methodist Church preached on the theme, "Living for Future Generations."

Among the most lovable members of Hickory Grove was "Aunt Mary", wife of Harvey S. Taylor. Her funeral was the last one held in the basement of the church, that day being July 19, 1930, just a few days before the main auditorium was occupied. She was the oldest member of the congregation at the time of her death. Reverend Elzie Myers, her pastor, assisted by Reverend Mr. Stroupe of Back Creek Presbyterian Church, and Reverend W. H. Willis of Belmont, was in charge of the service. The first funeral held in the completed church was for Mrs. Cora Baker, wife of Banks T. Baker, August 5, 1930.

#### Trustees & Building Committee

The trustees at the time of the building of the present church were J. D. Pence, E. N. King, C. W. Teeter, J. L. Carter, and J. G. Jordan. The Building Committee was composed of the following: D. H. Wilson, John C. Ware, J. Walter Dulin, W. Swindell Hagler, Hazel Teeter, W. T. Simpson, W. O. Mullis, J. B. King, J. N. Cline, W. B. Berryhill, Odell Teeter, J. W. Biggers, M. O. Dulin, (Recording Secretary), and Graham C. Taylor (District Steward).





## Paying Debt of \$5,500.00

For four and one-half years following the completion of the main auditorium and other work in 1930 the church underwent a critical period. During these depression days the chief problem before the people of Hickory Grove was, not the building of a church, but the paying for the one which they had already built. The burden grew heavier as time went on. On November 7, 1934, Rev. A. A. Kyles moved into the parsonage at Hickory Grove and assumed his duties as pastor. He began working on the debt problems at once and on December 2, 1934, a plan for raising the entire indebtedness was presented to the congregation. The motto was "\$5,000.00 in Fifty Days." Fifty days later, Jan. 20, 1935, the campaign closed with good pledges totaling \$5,500.00. This amount was needed to pay off notes, secure insurance, pay a small floating debt, etc. On Feb. 25, 1935, the final payment was made and the church stands today with no indebtedness on church, parsonage, or property. The sacrificial giving and the co-operation of pastor and people, together with donations of many friends, made possible the completion of the task. A donation of \$500.00 from The Duke Endowment and one for \$500.00 from the General Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church, South, meant much to Hickory Grove. Each contribution, no matter how small, is appreciated.

## MISCELLANEOUS FACTS

### First Musical Instrument

The first musical instrument used by the church (second building) was an organ



secured in 1891. The original building on the present site was in use. Mrs. Maggie Taylor, wife of Zachary Taylor, was organist.

### Marriages

Miss Minnie Christenbury and Mr. P. F. Davis were united in marriage Oct. 16, 1895 by Rev. C. G. Little in the first church on the present site. They are said to be the only couple married in this church.

In the third church (1898-1927) two couples were married. Leslie Baker and Marcus Mooney were married by Rev. J. H. Bradley, while Rev. Ebenezer Myers officiated in the marriage of Annie Bell Jordan and Lloyd H. McCall. The first marriage ceremony in the present church united Eloise Stilwell and Homer Lee Johnston Aug. 8, 1931.

### First Missionary Society

Miss Sallie Whisnant of Charlotte, N.C. (now Mrs. W. W. Hagood) relates the following story of her visit to Hickory Grove in 1890. "It was during Camp Meeting time at Hickory Grove. I started out there to organize a Woman's Missionary Society and was riding in a buggy. Due to heavy rains, the water was high when we forded Briar Creek on the Lawyers' Road. Water ran into the buggy and my feet got wet. At the first house where I saw smoke coming out the chimney, I stopped to dry my feet; then I went on to Hickory Grove and organized the first Woman's Missionary Society."



### The Parsonage

The first parsonage used by the pastors of Hickory Grove Church was located in Charlotte, N. C. Afterwards the pastors lived in Monroe, Matthews and Derita. In 1908 or 1909, under the direction of J. I. Pence, A. G. Hagler and other members of the Board of Stewards the present parsonage was built. Mr. Alex Simpson was the contractor. Although not a modern building, the parsonage at present is in good condition. It has just been painted outside and inside, many repairs have recently been made, and some necessary furnishings secured. At some near future date the people of Hickory Grove expect to erect a beautiful stone parsonage in keeping with the church in the grove nearby.

### The Cemetery

The Hickory Grove Cemetery is located just across the highway in front of the church and is well kept. A stone fence, separating it from the highway, is being constructed at the present time. The first person buried in it was Carrie Jordan, young daughter of Jas. Jordan, in 1871. Soon afterwards her great-grandfather, Isaac Jordan, was buried there.

### Ministers from Hickory Grove

Prominent among the achievements of Hickory Grove Church and its people, particularly through the efforts of her pastors, are the young men and women who have gone out to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ in home and foreign fields. The names of the ministers are as follows: Rev. W. S. Cherry - 1890, Rev. R. A. Swaringen\_\_\_\_\_, Rev. Martin W. Heckard - 1917, Grady N. Dulin - 1927, Rev.





Carl H. King - 1932, and Rev. Ralph H. Taylor - 1934. In addition, the church has had a part in the training of two great teachers and loyal disciples who are now working in foreign fields - Miss Mabel Cherry in Korea and Miss Mary Myers (now Mrs. ) in Africa.

### Hickory Grove Today

Being one of the most beautiful, (if not the most beautiful) rural churches in the Western North Carolina Conference, Hickory Grove Church stands today a model of excellence, simple in design, beautiful in material and architecture, a monument to Christianity. The magnificent building is a memorial to all those who have assisted the many pastors in their labor of advancing faith in God, hope in immortality, and love toward all mankind. Her people believe that Christian character and good citizenship are the finest of human achievements.

The present church roll is something to be proud of. Their recent achievement in paying off the debt is to be commended. Among the membership two couples have celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary - Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pence and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Berryhill.

Miss Martha Anne Elizabeth (known as Aunt Matt) Baker, born April 14, 1848, is the oldest member of the church. She has been a member since Civil War days and has worshiped in all four of the churches. Aunt Matt joined the first church on the present site when Rev. John Butt was pastor.



J. D. Pence is the oldest man whose name is on the church roll, age 77. The younger members are interested and willing workers. The present Church School is alive from the Older Men's Bible Class, taught by the oldest man in the church, to the large and well-organized Nursery Department with Mrs. J. L. Carter as Superintendent.

The youngest person connected with the church in any way is Verner N. Jordan, Jr., who became a member of the Cradle Roll when two days old. He is now three and one-half months old.

### Hickory Grove Tomorrow

With such a past and present, what will Hickory Grove of tomorrow be? Surely, we can look into the years and see the same beautiful stone church, enriched by full and fruitful years, still reaching out strong arms enfolding promising youth of today, then in ripe old age, yet training the youth of tomorrow to be citizens of the Kingdom of God. Hickory Grove Church will continue to grow, for her people believe in God, in Jesus Christ, and in the Holy Spirit. They are faithful worshipers, courageous souls, descendants of early pioneers who loved their neighbors, feared the Lord and kept His Commandments. Yes, the unfailing hand of Hickory Grove Church will continue to feed the sheep and to lead the lambs. May the Lord be our Shepherd throughout the coming years.

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## ROLL OF BISHOPS

|                          |         |
|--------------------------|---------|
| J. C. Keener.....        | 1890    |
| C. B. Galloway.....      | 1891    |
| E. R. Hendrix.....       | 1892    |
| W. W. Duncan.....        | 1893    |
| A. W. Wilson.....        | 1894    |
| W. W. Duncan.....        | 1895    |
| C. B. Galloway.....      | 1896    |
| J. S. Key.....           | 1897    |
| O. P. Fitzgerald.....    | 1898    |
| J. S. Key.....           | 1899    |
| H. C. Morrison.....      | 1900    |
| R. K. Hargrove.....      | 1901    |
| A. C. Smith.....         | 1902    |
| A. C. Smith.....         | 1903    |
| W. W. Duncan.....        | 1904    |
| A. W. Wilson.....        | 1905    |
| A. W. Wilson.....        | 1906    |
| H. C. Morrison.....      | 1907    |
| James Atkins.....        | 1908    |
| James Atkins.....        | 1909    |
| E. R. Hendrix.....       | 1910    |
| E. E. Hoss.....          | 1911    |
| Collins Denny.....       | 1912    |
| J. H. McCoy.....         | 1913    |
| R. G. Waterhouse.....    | 1914    |
| W. R. Lambuth.....       | 1915    |
| John C. Kilgo.....       | 1916    |
| James Atkins.....        | 1917    |
| U. V. W. Darlington..... | 1918-21 |
| Collins Denny.....       | 1922-25 |
| Edwin D. Mouzon.....     | 1926-33 |
| Paul B. Kern.....        | 1934-   |





## ROLL OF PRESIDING ELDERS

|                       |           |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| G. M. Guthrie.....    | ?         |
| J. P. Carraway.....   | 1887-90   |
| A. P. Tyer.....       | 1891-93   |
| J. R. Brooks.....     | 1894-97   |
| S. B. Turrentine..... | 1898-1900 |
| J. C. Rowe.....       | 1901-1903 |
| J. E. Thompson.....   | 1904-1907 |
| Frank Siler.....      | 1908      |
| H. K. Boyer.....      | 1909-10   |
| J. R. Scroggs.....    | 1911-13   |
| Plato T. Durham.....  | 1914      |
| J. C. Rowe.....       | 1915-16   |
| T. F. Marr.....       | 1917      |
| H. K. Boyer.....      | 1918-21   |
| J. B. Craven.....     | 1922-25   |
| D. M. Litaker.....    | 1926-29   |
| E. K. McLarty.....    | 1930-31   |
| J. W. Moore.....      | 1932-33   |
| J. B. Craven.....     | 1934-35   |



# PASTORS

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| John Abernethy.....                        | _____     |
| T. L. Triplett.....                        | _____     |
| Phillip Greening.....                      | _____     |
| Z. Rush.....                               | _____     |
| Miles Foy.....                             | _____     |
| J. S. Nelson.....                          | _____     |
| W. W. Pharr.....                           | _____     |
| Harrison.....                              | _____     |
| M. H. Hoyle.....                           | 1877-80   |
| T. H. Edwards.....                         | 1881      |
| S. M. Davis.....                           | 1882-85   |
| M. H. Hoyle.....                           | 1886      |
| J. A. Lee.....                             | 1887-89   |
| J. T. Bagwell (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years)..... | 1890-91   |
| R. M. Taylor (1/2 year).....               | 1891      |
| C. C. Brothers.....                        | 1892      |
| R. T. N. Stevenson.....                    | 1893-94   |
| C. G. Little.....                          | 1895      |
| Z. Parish.....                             | 1896      |
| T. P. Bonner.....                          | 1897      |
| R. S. Howie.....                           | 1898-99   |
| L. M. Brower.....                          | 1900      |
| W. L. Nicholason.....                      | 1901-1904 |
| J. W. Bradley.....                         | 1905-1908 |
| Seymore Taylor.....                        | 1909-11   |
| P. L. Terrell.....                         | 1912-13   |
| C. E. Rozzelle.....                        | 1914      |
| M. T. Steele.....                          | 1915-16   |
| R. H. Kennington.....                      | 1917-20   |
| Ebenezer Myers.....                        | 1921-23   |
| W. M. Robbins.....                         | 1924      |
| A. R. Bell.....                            | 1925      |
| E. N. Crowder.....                         | 1926      |
| J. P. Morris.....                          | 1927-29   |
| Elsie Myers.....                           | 1930-32   |
| E. D. Ballard.....                         | 1933-34   |
| A. A. Kyles.....                           | 1935-     |



## OFFICERS OF CHURCH

Paul B. Kern.....Bishop  
J. B. Craven.....Presiding Elder  
A. A. Kyles.....Pastor

## TRUSTEES

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
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| J. G. Jordan | E. N. King |
| J. D. Pence  |            |

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Lila Mae Dulin.....Recording Steward  
H. M. Dulin.....Secretary  
Odell Teeter.....Treasurer

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| J. W. Biggers  | T. C. Cuthbertson |
| C. H. Furr     | W. C. Gray        |
| J. B. King     | D. M. King        |
| W. O. Mullis   | J. T. Plott       |
| M. H. Stilwell | Hazel Teeter      |
| D. H. Wilson   | G. C. Taylor      |

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

William Taylor  
Jeff Bost  
J. D. Pence  
Walter Pence  
J. W. Drum.....1910  
A. G. Hagler.....1921  
Leroy Dulin.....1922-25  
W. D. May.....1926-27  
J. B. King.....1928-29  
J. W. Biggers.....1930-35



## CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICERS & TEACHERS

### GENERAL OFFICERS

J. W. Biggers.....General Supt.  
Mrs. J. L. Carter.....Supt. Nursery Dept.  
Lila Mae Dulin.....Supt. Children's Division  
D. H. Wilson.....Supt. Young People's Div.  
H. L. Johnston.....Supt. Adult Division  
H. M. Dulin.....Secretary  
Willie Bell Berryhill.....Asst. Secretary  
D. M. King.....Treasurer  
Mrs. H. L. Johnston.....Pianist  
Mary Hagler.....Asst. Pianist  
C. H. Furr.....Choir Director

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Sara Taylor

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Leslie Wilson  
Mattie Hagler

### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

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W. H. Stilwell





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B. T. Baker

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Ruth Rodgers  
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YOUNG PEOPLE

Louise Hoover  
D. C. Berryhill

ADULTS

Mrs. A. F. Campbell  
Mrs. W. B. Berryhill  
Mrs. J. W. Jordan  
W. C. Gray  
J. D. Pence

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| Church School Members..... | 350      |
| Church members.....        | 446      |
| Church valued.....         | \$35,000 |
| Insurance carried.....     | \$15,000 |

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